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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: November 29, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII : Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Competitive Funds.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Competitive Funds.

Background: On October 2, 2006, Supervisor Yaroslavsky announced a \$1.8 million competitive trails grant program for projects in the Third Supervisorial District. Eligible projects include acquisition, development and/or improvement of real property for trails and public access consistent with the Los Angeles County Trails Master Plan. Priority will be given to projects with matching funds and applicants who can demonstrate success in completing acquisition and trails projects in the Santa Monica Mountains within the Third Supervisorial District. Applications are due January 4, 2007.

MRCA staff intend to submit at least one application. The probable application will be to acquire an already approved property that is bisected by one of the County's mapped trails. However, the Proposition A funds would be used for acquisition, design, and construction of the project and project management. The work funded by this grant can include demolition and site preparation, site development, utilities, landscaping and irrigation, and installation of park amenities. Staff can present a better picture of possible projects at the meeting.